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In re the Application of:

Inventor: Gjerset, Ruth

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On November 18, 2002, the Examiner mailed a Nonfinal Office Action with a reply date set for February 18, 2003. This Amendment and Response is respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on November 18, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, making the deadline to respond May 18, 2003.

In response to the Office Action please consider the following amendments and remarks.